

When...

We're Faced with Death
Psalm 116

Launch

Did you grow up in a church that celebrated Palm Sunday? What was it like?

Explore

Read the Psalm

What does this Psalm teach us about death?

Verse 15 has a dissimilar tone about death from verses 3 and 5. Why the difference?

What does this Psalm have to do with Palm Sunday? (Read Matthew 21:1-11 for a reminder of what happened.)

Why should Christians have a different view of death than nonbelievers? (Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 for a great description.)

Apply

At some point, everyone encounters death. How well-acquainted are you with death? (Either the death of a loved one or your own near-death experience.)

How does knowing that everyone will eventually die affect your emotions and/or actions? (Gratitude, comfort, urgency, priorities, etc.)

As Easter weekend approaches, how can you reflect on the death and resurrection of Christ in a meaningful way? What are some practical things you can do to carve out time to do this? What difference could it make?

Pray

Pray that we would have a biblical view of death, being thankful for the promise of eternity with Jesus. Pray that the people you invite to church Easter weekend would come to know Christ and begin to walk with him.